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**State Awards 13 New Schools for 9 School Districts
Construction Set to Begin in Two Others**

(PHOENIX, AZ – February 3, 2006) The Arizona School Facilities Board (SFB) approved 13 new schools for nine districts at their monthly board meeting yesterday.

The schools were awarded as part of the FY06 Capital Plan Cycle, which will continue for the next three months. The cycle begins in early September when districts submit their requests for new construction. From that time on, SFB staff analyzes the requests taking into account factors such as current district capacity and projected growth. Since this cycle began, the Board has awarded \$328,177,080 in new construction.

Six new schools were approved in the west valley, three of which are in the Saddle Mountain District. Saddle Mountain received two K-8 schools, serving a total of 1,600 students, projected to open in Fall 2007 and 2008 and a high school for 1,000 students to open in Fall 2008. The Littleton, Palo Verde, and Union Elementary Districts were also approved for one K-8 school each. Littleton and Palo Verde's are scheduled to open in Fall 2008 and Union's in Fall 2007.

The Pinal County area received five new schools and one addition to existing space. Casa Grande Union was awarded a high school for 1,500 students expected to open in Fall 2008. Florence Unified was awarded an elementary school for 1,100 for the Fall of 2008 and a high school for 1,500 projected to open in Fall 2007. Maricopa Unified was awarded two K-6 schools for 850 students each to open in Fall 2006 and 2007 and additional high school space for 200 students to open in Fall 2007.

In other Districts around the state, Marana Unified District received two elementary schools for 650 students each scheduled to open in Fall 2006 and 2007 and Yuma Elementary received additional middle school space for 250 students to open in Fall 2006.

Today's awards total \$171,175,122. A list of projects approved in this cycle is attached.

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These approvals will allow the districts to design their schools within the allocated budgets. Upon completion of design, the project will go before the Board again for approval to begin actual construction.

The Board also approved two districts to begin construction on their previously board-approved schools. They are:

Saddle Mountain Unified for a K-8 for 500 students at a total cost of \$8,114,478

Vail Unified for a K-5 for 600 students at a total cost of \$6,310,905

More construction approvals are anticipated at next month's meeting to be held March 2 in Higley

SFB Approved New Construction Projects

FY 2006 Capital Plan Cycle

District	Project Number	Project	Grades	# Students	Square Footage	Open FY	NC Funding
Buckeye Elementary	070433000-9999-008N	School	K-8	800	73,920	2009	\$8,752,128
J.O. Combs Elementary	110344000-9999-005N	School	K-5	750	67,500	2007	\$7,888,725
J.O. Combs Elementary	110344000-9999-007N	School	K-5	750	67,500	2008	\$7,888,725
Subtotal:				2,300	208,920		\$24,529,578
Casa Grande Elementary	110404000-9999-006N	School	K-5	750	67,500	2008	\$7,888,725
Chandler Unified	070280000-9999-017N	School	K-6	988	88,920	2007	\$10,392,080
Chandler Unified	070280000-9999-018N	School	K-6	942	84,780	2008	\$9,908,239
Dysart Unified	070289000-9999-013N	School	K-8	1,100	101,640	2007	\$12,034,176
Dysart Unified	070289000-9999-020N	School	K-8	1,100	101,640	2009	\$12,034,176
Dysart Unified	070289000-9999-021N	School	K-8	1,100	101,640	2009	\$12,034,176
Dysart Unified	070289000-9999-025N	School	9-12	1,800	225,000	2009	\$32,141,250
Fowler Elementary	070445000-9999-009N	Addl. space	K-5	110	9,900	2008	\$1,157,013
Humboldt Unified	130222000-9999-005N	School	6-8	722	69,796	2009	\$8,459,275
Sahuarita Unified	100230000-9999-007N	School	9-12	721	96,614	2009	\$13,801,310
Vail Unified	100220000-9999-006N	School	K-5	600	54,000	2007	\$6,310,980
Vail Unified	100220000-9999-009N	School	K-5	600	54,000	2008	\$6,310,980
Subtotal:				10,533	1,055,430		\$132,472,380
Casa Grande Union	110502000-9999-001N	School	9-12	1,500	187,500	2009	\$26,784,375
Florence Unified	110201000-9999-008N	School	K-8	1,100	101,640	2009	\$12,034,176
Florence Unified	110201000-9999-005N	School	9-12	1,500	201,000	2008	\$28,712,850
Littleton Elementary	070465000-9999-008N	School	K-8	972	89,813	2009	\$10,633,859
Marana Unified	100206000-9999-002N	School	K-6	650	58,500	2007	\$6,836,895
Marana Unified	100206000-9999-003N	School	K-6	650	58,500	2008	\$6,836,895
Maricopa Unified	110220000-9999-009N	School	K-6	850	76,500	2007	\$8,940,555
Maricopa Unified	110220000-9999-010N	School	K-6	850	76,500	2008	\$8,940,555
Maricopa Unified	110220000-9999-013N	Addl. space	10-12	200	26,800	2008	\$3,828,380
Palo Verde Elementary	070449000-9999-002N	School	K-8	800	73,920	2009	\$8,752,128
Saddle Mountain Unified	070390000-9999-003N	School	K-8	750	69,300	2008	\$8,205,120
Saddle Mountain Unified	070390000-9999-005N	School	K-8	900	83,160	2009	\$9,846,144
Saddle Mountain Unified	070390000-9999-002N	School	9-12	1,000	134,000	2009	\$19,141,900
Union Elementary	070462000-9999-005N	School	K-8	800	73,920	2008	\$8,752,128
Yuma Elementary	140401000-9999-003N	Addl. space	6-8	250	24,168	2007	\$2,929,162
Subtotal:				12,772	1,335,221		\$171,175,122
Grand Total:				25,605	2,599,571		\$328,177,080

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